

Bucca Command Messages

THEATER INTERNMENT FACILITY—LTC T. Paul Houser

January, 2005 was a month to remember. The loss of a 105th soldier to illness, the riots on 31 January, 2005, a number of serious UCMJ actions and the first democratic election in Iraq's history and several redeployment ceremonies. We began 2005 in this country meaning we can finally say that we will be going home "this year" instead of "next year".

What gets us through months like January is our training, our battle focus and our commitment to maintaining standards at all costs.

I challenge all Camp Bucca personnel to make a personal and professional pledge to maintain those high standards at all costs

between now and your redeployment dates. Your focus will ensure the success of the mission, the quality of life for yourselves and your team, and a safe and honorable return home.



GARRISON COMMAND—MAJ Mark Schulze

On behalf of the members of the 102d Field Artillery, I would like to express our thanks for the warm reception we have received from all the soldiers and civilians here at Camp Bucca. We would also like to thank Maj Joe 'Les' White and CW2 Glenn Ferreri for the great work they did here helping to develop Camp Bucca, and wish them a safe journey home back to their families.

The 102d Field Artillery is headquartered in Quincy Massachusetts. Our unit has been activated in pieces over the past year. Many of our soldiers were

mobilized in May and are currently serving in several different units within the 42d Infantry Division.

In October, the battalion was split again and mobilized to form a Security Force which now serves at Camp Ashraf and the Rear Area Operations Center which is split between FOB Abu Ghurayb and Camp Bucca. Those of us who ended up here at Camp Bucca feel fortunate to be among a dedicated group of professionals with an important mission.

We look forward to the year ahead working with everyone here as a team to develop Camp Bucca into a first rate installation.



GARRISON/TIF CSM — CSM Lonnie Webster

I would like to take this opportunity to talk about a few issues that affect us all. Safety continues to be one of the greatest problems that threaten our force. The two biggest safety issues we have are related to vehicles and weapons. In reference to vehicles, we must slow down; time after time excessive speed has been a contributing factor to accidents. We also must get better at wearing seat belts in all vehicles and wearing kevlar in tactical vehicles. Gunners must ride at nametape defilade even inside the wire.

Proper weapons clearing

procedures must be followed by all personnel. We have had a recent rash of negligent discharges that are a direct result of not following proper weapons clearing procedures. Individuals that have a negligent discharge are subject to UCMJ action. Use the buddy system to verify weapons are cleared. Leaders make sure all of your soldiers/airmen know and practice the proper procedures.

I would like to close with the latest installment in the Army Values series. Today's focus will be on **selfless service**. Put the welfare of the nation, the

Army, and your subordinates before your own. Selfless service leads to organizational teamwork and encompasses discipline, self-control and faith in the system.

Thanks for all you do to make Camp Bucca a success.



"I have never advocated war except as a means of peace."

Ulysses S. Grant

Force Protection - LTC Joe Romano

Are you kidding me? You're sucking the life out of me? I need to sign for what? Just a few of the phrases I've used as I began my indoctrination into Camp Bucca and the Army way. By hey, you know what? It's been a terrific learning opportunity for me and the airmen of the 732 ESFS. To bring everyone up to date here is what has happened since our arrival with regard to the missions we now conduct with our sister service.

Back in mid January, MG Brandenburg, with Task Force 134 (Theater Detainee Operations), BGen Peck/9 AF/CV, Col Pohland/732 EMSG/CC, Col Brown/18 MP Bde, Col Boulton/Task Force 134 Deputy, LTC Houser/105 MP BN, and myself met to discuss Camp Bucca's mission and challenges in light of the our (AF) arrival. The security requirements for both the detainee operations and force protection missions were discussed at length focusing on what each unit (service) brought to the fight with regard to skill sets required to accomplish the mission. The parties concurred that the Air Force Security Forces not only brought personnel trained in detainee operations, but also possessed the skill sets to conduct the force protection

mission as well, specifically base security (towers/entry control), internal QRF, external Area Security Operations (ASO) patrols, and convoys north to Baghdad and south to the Border in support of detainee operations. After service concurrence, the 732nd ESFS joined with the 105th MP BN, 2/111 FA, and later the 3/133 FA and 1B/111 EN and formed what I consider a formidable security team that will perform Detainee Operations, Force Protection and Convoys.

Another area we looked at collectively with the 105 MP BN, 732nd ECES, and Garrison was the installation security footprint. We conducted an initial assessment of Camp Bucca and have reviewed a number of HHQ assessments to include a CENTCOM VA conducted in 13-14 Oct 2004. There are a number of vulnerabilities, and we have begun to mitigate them with the help of KBR ... for example, we have redesigned the Camp entrance to eliminate a high speed of approach, slow traffic and clearly identify a field of fire that doesn't endanger US personnel. The perimeter is being modified to create interlocking fields of fire by eliminating dead spaces, adding towers and appropriate placement of weapon systems; a lot going on ... requiring the muscle and know how to keep

everyone secure.

Finally, a thank you also to the DFAC kitchen crew and staff, Base (Oops Post) Exchange personnel to include the Barber Shop, Subway, Green Bean, and Alterations; the folks at the laundry, and last but not least Chief and the professionals in the motor pool. Each of you has demonstrated in some way your commitment to the security team and it goes a long way in helping us execute the mission.

As for my Garrison brethren, your steadfast support of the Patriots was noteworthy and appreciated by this Eagle fan. Until next year ...

AIR POWER



Open Arms and Gracious Smiles by A1C Jennifer Vogt, 732nd ESFS

On behalf of the 732nd Expeditionary Security Forces, we would like to thank everyone here at Camp Bucca for the warm welcome. We are truly honored to be here on such a unique and significant mission, working hand in hand with our brethren service. It was quite obvious when we first gathered at Fort Lewis for training, that the majority of the Air Force troops were a little leery about coming to Camp Bucca; everyone expecting a little of that "red-headed step child syndrome" we hear about sometimes.

But...much to our surprise, that was not the case. From Colonel Brown and LTC Houser, to the greeter at the chow hall...we were welcomed with open arms, and gracious smiles! Everyone here made us feel right at home. The way the Army and Air Force meshed together so quickly was such a natural transition that I don't think any of us realized it.

We are now working together, as one courageous team, defining the mission here at Camp Bucca. I think most of you would agree, we have learned so much from each other already! The great thing

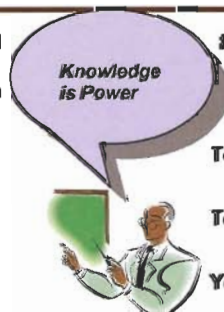
is that by working together, we will continue to learn more from each other everyday, and the relationships that are forming will only grow as our time here goes on.

So again, thank you for the "open arms," and the "gracious smiles." It is an honor to be serving with you all.

ONE TEAM ONE FIGHT...HUA!!!

English-Arabic

Day	Youm	Sunday	Al - a - h e d	Friday	Al-jum-aah
Night	Al-leil	Monday	Al-ith-nein	Saturday	Al - s e b t
Week	As-buu-a	Tuesday	Al-thu-la-tha	Today	Al-Youm
Month	Sha-har	Wednesday	Al-ar-baa	Tomorrow	Ba-char
Year	Sen-a	Thursday	Al-kha-mees	Yesterday	Al-bar-ha



The Tuskegee Airmen by SGT Teresa Thomas, 105th MP BN

We have all had some challenges and obstacles to overcome in our lives at one point or another. I want to share the experience of one group of military personnel that made a great impact in history that gave so many the inspiration and courage to achieve their uncompromising objectives.

In spite of difficulty and limited chance, African Americans have played a noteworthy role in US military history over the years. They were denied military leadership roles and skilled training because many believed they lacked credentials for combat duty. Before 1940, African Americans were excluded from flying for the US military. Civil rights organizations and black press applied pressure that resulted in the formation of an all African American pursuit squadron based in Tuskegee, Alabama, in 1941. They became known as the Tuskegee Airmen.

In 1940 President Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered the Air Corps to build an all African American flying unit. The presidential order caused the Army to create the 99th Fighter Squadron. To develop the African American pilots needed for the new squadron, the Air Corps opened a new training base in central

Alabama, at the Tuskegee Institute. The military chose Tuskegee Institute to train pilots because of its commitment to aeronautical training. The Tuskegee program became the center for African American aviation during World War II.

The Tuskegee Airmen conquered segregation and discrimination to become one of the most highly respected fighter groups of World War II.



They proved conclusively that African Americans could fly and maintain sophisticated combat aircraft. The Tuskegee Airmen's achievements, together with the men and women who supported them, paved the way for full integration of the US military.

The first class included student officer Captain Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. which began training in July 1941. Captain Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. was one of the first five graduates to get wings at

Tuskegee Army Air Field and the first African American to solo an aircraft as a US Army Air Corps officer. Captain Benjamin O. Davis was also the first African American to graduate from West Point Military Academy. He was assigned to Fort Benning, Georgia as an aide to his father, Brigadier General Davis before transferring to the military science staff at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

On March 7, 1942 young black pilots stood at attention on Tuskegee's airstrip, for induction into the US Army Air Corps.

The 99th Fighter Squadron was sent to North Africa in April 1943 for combat duty. They were joined by the 100th, 301st, and 302nd African American fighter squadrons. Together these squadrons formed the 332nd fighter group. Under the command of Col Benjamin O. Davis, the well-trained and highly motivated 332nd flew successful missions over Sicily, the Mediterranean, and North Africa. The Tuskegee Airmen flew in the Mediterranean theater of operation. The Airmen completed 15,500

missions, destroyed over 260 enemy aircraft, sank one enemy destroyer, and demolished numerous enemy installations. Several aviators died in combat. The Tuskegee Airmen were awarded numerous high honors, including Distinguished Flying Crosses, Legions of Merit, Silver Stars, Purple Hearts, the Croix de Guerre, and the Red Star of Yugoslavia. They never lost a bomber to enemy fighters. A Distinguished Unit Citation was awarded to the 332nd Fighter Group for "outstanding performance and extraordinary heroism" in 1945.

Bucca Briefs by SPC Charles Greer, 105th MP BN

What's a "Stella Award?"

The Stella's are named after 81 year old Stella Liebeck who spilled coffee on herself and successfully sued McDonalds. Her case inspired these awards for the most frivolous, successful lawsuits in the United States.

Kara Walton of Claymont, Delaware, successfully sued the owner of a nightclub in a neighboring city when she fell from the bathroom window to the floor and knocked out her two front teeth. This occurred while Ms. Walton was trying to sneak through the window in the ladies room to avoid paying the \$3.50 cover charge. She was awarded \$12,000 and dental expenses.

Jerry Williams of Little Rock, Arkansas, was awarded \$14,500 and medical expenses after being bitten on the buttocks by his next-door neighbor's beagle. The beagle was on a chain in its owner's fenced yard. The award was less than sought because the jury felt the dog might have been just a little provoked at the time by Mr. Williams who was shooting it repeatedly with a pellet gun.



19 year old Carl Truman of Los Angeles won \$74,000 and medical expenses when his neighbor ran over his hand with a Honda Accord. Mr. Truman apparently didn't notice there was someone at the wheel of the car when he was trying to steal his neighbor's hubcaps.

A Philadelphia restaurant was ordered to pay Amber Carson of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, \$113,500 after she slipped on a spilled soft drink and broke her tailbone. The beverage was on the floor because Ms. Carson had thrown it at her boyfriend 30 seconds earlier during an argument.

Terrence Dickson of Bristol, Pennsylvania, was leaving a house he had just finished robbing by way of the garage. He was not able to get the garage door to go up since the automatic door opener was malfunctioning. He couldn't reenter the house because the door connecting the house and garage locked when he pulled it shut. The family was on vacation, and Mr. Dickson found himself locked in the garage for eight days. He subsisted on a case of Pepsi and a large bag of dry dog food. He sued the homeowner's insurance

"...awards for the most frivolous, successful lawsuits..."

claiming the situation caused him undue mental anguish. The jury agreed to the tune of \$500,000.

A jury of her peers awarded Kathleen Robertson of Austin, Texas, \$780,000 after breaking

her ankle by tripping over a toddler who was running inside a furniture store. The owner of the store was understandably surprised at the verdict, considering the misbehaving little toddler was Ms. Robertson's son.

This year's favorite could easily be Mr. Merv Grazinski of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Mr. Grazinski purchased a brand new 32-foot Winnebago motor home. On his first trip home, having driven onto the freeway, he set the cruise control at 70 MPH and calmly left the drivers seat to go into the back and make himself a cup of coffee. Not surprisingly, the R.V. left the freeway, crashed and overturned. Mr. Grazinski sued Winnebago for not advising him in the owner's manual that he couldn't actually do this. The jury awarded him \$1,750,000 plus a new motor home. The company actually changed their manuals on the basis of this suit, just in case there were any other complete morons buying their recreation vehicles.

Morale Welfare and Recreation– 853-1115

Weekly Events

Martial Arts- Mondays @ 1900 hrs to 2030hrs

Karaoke- Wednesdays and Sundays @ 2000hrs

Club Night- Saturdays @ 2100 hrs

Salsa Night- Thursdays @ 2000 hrs

Event Status

Pool Tournament- 28 Thru 31 January 2005

1st- Jerome Davis, ITT

2nd- SPC Kevin Plemmons,
HHC 105th MP BN

3rd- SGT Denver Eaton, 86th CSH



Black History Month Event

Events begin 21– 27 Feb 05

Camp Bucca will be having a Black History Month Festival with all kinds of fun filled events such as a Basketball Tournament, Fashion Show, Step Show, Poems Reading and many other talents.

Basketball Tournament will be on 21st through the 23rd February 2005. Teams should be 3– 4 man teams. Sign up at the MWR or the TMC no later than Sunday, 20 February 2005.

Fashion Show– Sign up for this event at the MWR front desk. You can create your own African Attire or wear a designer outfit.

If anyone would like to contribute to this event please attend the meetings on Wednesdays @ 1800hrs & Saturdays @ 1700hrs at the Chapel .

Coming Soon!!

Golf Course Coming Soon!!

The MWR is bring a Driving range to Camp Bucca the projected sight is behind the old Chow Hall. The only stipulation is you must POLICE up your own balls. This will be a great way to relieve stress from a stressful day at work. Make sure that you take advantage of this great MWR event.

Out Door Movie Theater

Coming 25 February 2005, Camp Bucca will have an out door theater. The movie schedule will be posted at the MWR for the up coming movies. So come on out and watch the movies at 1900hrs on 25 Feb 05. Movies will be shown on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

Up Coming Events– February and March



Spades



Soccer

Spades Tournament– 18-20 Feb 05

Soccer Tournament– 19-21 Feb 05

Table Tennis Tournament– 12-15 March 05

Softball– Starts 26 March 05

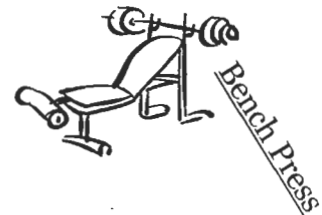
Sign up NOW at the front desk of the MWR Building.

Come out and support your fellow soldiers and Airmen.

♦ If you have any suggestions for events or recreation please see Rick or any of the Staff at the MWR.

Bench Press Competition– End of March

Strongest Man/ Strongest Woman (Pound for Pound)



Bench Press



Camp Specials!

ALL Chips 25% OFF

Galaxy Assorted Chocolates

WAS: \$7.95 **NOW: \$1.97**

20% OFF

american greetings

Kodak Advantix Film

Reg: \$3.47 **NOW: \$.97**

The world brand
A brew conquers the world



New Products

Clausthaler N/A Beer

15.95 a case

Assorted Souvenirs such as Pictures, Perfume bottles, Jewelry Boxes, Bottles filled with sand art.

TV ON DVD

Monk - Season 2

One Tree Hill– Season 1

The Jamie Kennedy Experiment– Season 3

CSI Miami– Season 2

Angel– Season 4

Curb your Enthusiasm– Season 3

New Releases

The Forgotten

The Village

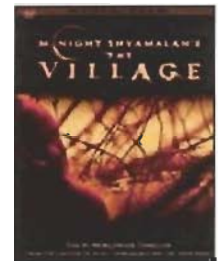
First Daughter

Mean Creek

Prince Diaries 2

Dodge Ball

Many other great movies





CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

"JOY FOR TODAY"

Joy also provides a defense for the Christian soldier. Joy is a daily need! "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." (Ps.118:24)

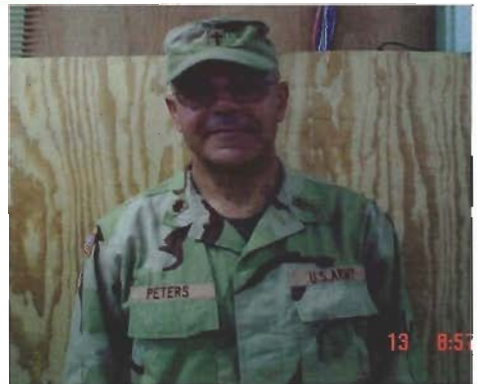
Our joy can be kindled as we ponder the fact that God made this day! It is newly created and one of a kind. It has the promise of new challenges and new blessings. It constitutes a new beginning and a new opportunity. Every day is a "New Year's" day when we view it in the context of life instead of the calendar!

Today's promises do not have to be dampened by yesterday's problems. Today's successes do not have to be cancelled by yesterday's failures. Today's joy does not have to be robbed by yesterday's sorrow. The precious moments of today can become a

most valuable memory tomorrow! Time is too valuable to be wasted and life is too short to be simply endured. Make your moments count.

Joy is strengthening to the Christian. "The joy of the Lord is your strength." (Neh. 8:10) Joy is experienced in giving. Giving is not just a thing of the hand but more importantly a thing of the heart. It is possible to have a kind hand and a cold heart. There are many who would give the clothes off their back yet they are known as an unkind person!

Practice kindness and love. Practice forgiveness and compassion. Offer your heart along with your hand and you will have joy along with generosity. Determine that today you will accept it as newly created by God and full of precious moments that make priceless memories tomorrow. Thank God for the opportunity to serve Him and rejoice today



even if you cried yesterday. The amazing thing is that the Child of God can have tears and joy at the same time anyway

God Bless! Chaplain (MAJ) Chuck Peters

Tribute to a Great American Soldier by CPT J. McKeown, 105th MP BN

In most cases, no one has anything good to say about the living conditions at Camp Buehring, Kuwait. For the most part and obviously, this is mainly attributable to the shock and awe of being exposed to the rawness of living in the desert. First of all, people complain that it is crowded. Lines exist everywhere for everything. For the HHC 105th MP BN, it was too hot. For the 732nd ESFS, it was too cold. The transition tents are old and very dusty. For that matter, the whole place is dusty; in fact, most folks immediately declare war against the dust of Kuwait while at Camp Buehring. The generators are deafening. Did I mention that it was dusty and crowded?

However, putting all that aside, there is something great to say about Camp Buehring. Its namesake, LTC Charles H. "Chad" Buehring. Just thinking about men and women like LTC Buehring and Fire-fighter Ronald Bucca and their sacrifice puts things back into perspective for me on a regular basis. It often reminds me of our duty and obligation to serve with honor and distinction in all that we do. We must remain battle focused and disciplined in an attempt to honor them in every action we endeavor in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Their sacrifice and service also reminds me of a familiar phrase, "Duty is the sublimest word in the English language."

LTC Buehring was killed on October 26, 2003, in Baghdad, Iraq. He was fatally injured during a rocket-propelled grenade attack on the Al-Rasheed Hotel. Camp Udari, Kuwait was renamed Camp Buehring in honor of LTC Buehring. The plaque



erected at the entrance of Camp Buehring reads as follows: "Dedicated in memory of LTC Charles H. "Chad" Buehring, Headquarters Company, Third United States Army, killed in action, 26 October 2003, Baghdad, Iraq while helping to liberate the oppressed. His enduring legacy of leadership, commitment to the mission, and compassion survives through his family, his soldiers, and his friends."

LTC Buehring was born in Texas and lived in Florida. He graduated from The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, in 1985 and later earned a masters degree from Troy State University. Upon his graduation from The Citadel, he was

commissioned into the United States Army. An infantry officer, LTC Buehring was a member of Special Forces and PSYOPS. He served 18 years as a commissioned officer, much of it at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

LTC Buehring was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery. According to the account posted by Arlington National Cemetery regarding his interment, youngsters in Boy Scout uniforms were there, a tribute to his devotion to Scouting. A bagpiper in a gray kilt from his alma mater, The Citadel, played a mournful "Amazing Grace." With a precision repeated at Arlington through generations of war, the honor guard folded the flag atop his coffin and presented it to his spouse. He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. Finally, the firing party fired three shots into the blue sky; a lone bugler, set amid the long rows of white headstones, sounded taps.

I can't deny it, Camp Buehring is not the most desirable place from a comfort standpoint for those transitioning, however, it is certainly named for a great American whose sacrifice and the sacrifice of his family should never be forgotten. LTC Buehring, I salute you and your service to country. You served with honor and distinction and I am honored to serve in support of the mission to which you and so many other deceased soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines were so dedicated.

Sources: Arlington National Cemetery Website Release No. 789-03., The Citadel, Press Release, dated, October 27, 2003.



**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
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**We welcome your
comments, suggestions, or
assistance! Please see us
at Building 2 to become
part of the team!**

Art 15:

SrA received a suspended reduction and reprimand. SrA failed to properly clear his weapon & caused his M-9 to discharge. Thankfully there were no injuries.

22 Jan 05:

PFC received a vacated suspended sentence and was reduced to PV2 for giving a false official statement.

Art 15:

A1C received a written reprimand because he failed to maintain positive control of his M-4; left it in the DFAC. He did not discover the weapon was missing until he was ordered the following day to reclaim it.

The Back Page by Patrick Cusack, 105th MP BN

TRIVIA TIME!

Bible Trivia

1. The Bible was written by about 40 men over a period of about 1600 years dating from 1500 BC to about 100 years after Christ.
2. The Seven Deadly Sins are lust, pride, anger, envy, sloth, avarice and gluttony.
3. The seven virtues are prudence, courage, temperance, justice, faith, hope and charity.
4. The shortest verse in the Bible consists of two words: "Jesus wept" (John 11:35).
5. There are 49 different foods mentioned in the Bible.
6. The two robbers crucified next to Jesus were named Dismas and Gestas.

7. Almonds and pistachios are the only nuts mentioned in the Bible.

8. Gabriel, Michael, and Lucifer are the three angels mentioned by name in the Bible

Historical Trivia

1. Armored knights raised their visors to identify themselves when they rode past their king. This custom has become the modern military salute.
2. Christmas became a national holiday in the US in 1890.
3. New Orleans' first Mardi Gras celebration was held in February, 1826.
4. New York's first St. Patrick's day parade was held on March 17, 1762.
5. Of the 262 men who have held the title of

pope, 33 have died by violence

6. The first-known contraceptive was crocodile dung, used by Egyptians in 2000 BC.

7. The Titanic was the first ship to use the SOS signal. It was adopted as the international signal for distress in 1912, and the Titanic struck the iceberg in April of that

